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Docket No.: 21405 US (C038435/0185664)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Tatsuo HOSHINO *et al.*)

Serial No.: 10/528,871)

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Examiner: H. J. Lilling

Art Unit: 1657

For: **ASTAXANTHIN PRODUCTION USING
FED-BATCH FERMENTATION
PROCESS BY PHAFFIA RHODOZYMA**

New York, New York
March 24, 2008

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2007, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before March 24, 2008. 37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$460.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required